

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/813,808

Examiner

Anton B. Harris

Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 28 March 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-7 and 9-13.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 31 March 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____



**ANTHONY DINKINS
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DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-7 and 9-13 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The limitations found in claims 1-7 are neither disclosed nor taught by the prior art of record, alone or in combination. The prior art of record does not disclose the limitations of at least one conductive interior wall electrically coupled to said bottom and cover members and at least one an "L"-shaped gasket engagement tab formed in at least one of said cover and bottom members the gasket engagement tab protruding away from the at least one of said cover and bottom members by a predetermined distance H- and which extends toward said conductive gasket said engagement tab being aligned with said interior wall whereby said interior wall resists bending of said at least one cover and bottom member during assembly of said gasket to said cage in combination with the other limitations recited in claim 1.

The limitations found in claims 9-13 are neither disclosed nor taught by the prior art of record, alone or in combination. The prior art of record does not disclose the limitations of a plurality of conductive wall members that cooperatively define a hollow receptacle said wall members including a bottom wall member, a top wall member, two outer wall members and at least one inner wall member; a rigid backing member disposed on said cage proximate said cage opening thereof, the backing member extending completely around said cage opening, said cage top and bottom wall members including a plurality of support tabs that engage said backing member and a conductive gasket disposed adjacent said backing member and also extending completely around said cage opening, the gasket being compressible such that it may be pushed

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into contact with an inner surface of a panel of a device in which said shielding cage is disposed in combination with the other limitations recited in claim 9.

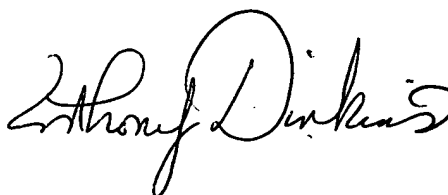
Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anton B Harris whose telephone number is (571) 272-1976. The examiner can normally be reached on weekdays from 8:30am to 5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Dean Reichard, can be reached on (571) 272-2800 ext 31. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anthony Dinkins", with a stylized, cursive script.

**ANTHONY DINKINS
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